



Special Town Meeting May 7, 2007

TOWN OF WHITMAN
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth, SS:

To either Constable of the Town of Whitman

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Whitman qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Whitman on

MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, 2007

At seven forty-five P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$18,000.00 to make payments on accounts or refund payments made twice to the Town Collector's office but not credited to the appropriate bills as a result of malfeasance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,500.00 from the Motor Vehicles Fine Account to purchase a desktop radio console for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police
Finance Committee voted to recommend 7-0

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to Line Item #99 Fire-Rescue Expense of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief
Finance Committee voted to recommend 8-0

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to engage an actuary to perform an assessment of liabilities for OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) as required by GASB 45 (Government Accounting Standards Bureau), or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000.00 from Line Item #181, Medical and Life Insurance – Town Match, to Line Item #43, Tax Title, to fund tax title costs through the remainder of the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer
Finance Committee voted to recommend 7-0

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate/transfer the sum of \$96,500.00 from sources noted to the budget appropriations of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, as noted:

Amount	From Line No.	To Line No.
\$53,000.00	117 - Norfolk County Agricultural	46 - Law
\$24,000.00	117 - Norfolk County Agricultural	170 - Street Lighting
\$14,000.00	117 - Norfolk County Agricultural	80 - Telephone
\$5,500.00	117 - Norfolk County Agricultural	161 - Library Aides

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee voted to recommend 7-0

Article 7

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Article 21 (Town Master Plan) of the November 2000 Special Town Meeting to the following appropriations of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting,

\$15,000.00	Line 156 - Veterans Benefits
\$25,000.00	Line 73 - Town Hall Maintenance

Proposed by the Town Administrator
Finance Committee voted to recommend 7-0

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$78,000.00 for capital projects as follows:

Reside DPW Administrative Building	\$28,000.00
Library Lighting, Sidewalks and Curb Repair	\$13,600.00
Repair Hose Tower Roof of Fire Station	\$15,000.00
Replace Town Hall Steps on east side of Town Hall	\$21,400.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$170,000.00 for the following engineering/architectural assessment and evaluation of town buildings and facilities as noted:

PURPOSE	ESTIMATED COST
Town Hall	\$40,000.00

Public Works Barn and Garage	\$25,000.00
Hazardous Materials Assessment	\$30,000.00
Relocate Memorial Arch	\$40,000.00
Senior Center	\$35,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$300,000.00 to demolish the Holt Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Line 5 – All Other Salaries of the Selectmen Budget of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town meeting the sum of \$806.00 to be added to Line 11 – Town Administrator of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting to fund the additional cost for the first year of a three year agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for the period commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee voted to recommend 7-0

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E, Section 7, to accept a two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Whitman and I.B.P.O., Local 509 (Whitman Police Department), for the period commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008, the cost items for the first year being \$70,651.00, which costs are provided for in the current department budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E, Section 7, to transfer the sum of \$13,135.27 from Article 2, Line 185 – Total General Insurance of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting to fund the cost items for the first year of a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Whitman and S.E.I.U., Local 888 (Whitman Public Library), for the period commencing July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for an Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1948 by deleting the requirement that the superintendent of public works be a competent civil engineer, such special legislation to be effective as of July 1, 2007; or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This article seeks to eliminate the requirement that the superintendent of public works be a professional civil engineer. Such status is not required for superintendents of boards of public works under the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, sections 69C through 69F. Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1948 will continue to require that the superintendent be especially fitted by training and experience to perform the duties of superintendent.

Proposed by the Board of DPW Commissioners

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$204,299.20 to pay the following personnel for claimed compensatory time not taken:

Name	No. of Hours	Amount Requested
Jack Lowe	2,120	\$ 93,343.60
Donald Westhaver	2,520	\$110,955.60

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and
Board of DPW Commissioners

Prior Year obligation requires a 9/10th Vote

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,199.94 from Line 117 – Norfolk County Agricultural High School of Article 2 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, to make payment to employees of the Whitman Library for hours previously worked but not compensated, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital expense Stabilization Fund as provided in MGL C40 §5B and to appropriate the sum of \$ from free cash to be added to said Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
and Finance Committee

Requires a 2/3 Vote

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in not less than eight public places in the Town, seven days at least before the day for said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of April in the year two thousand and seven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dr. Carl F. Kowalski, Chairman

Daniel L. Salvucci
Daniel L. Salvucci, Vice Chairman

Daniel E. Holbrook
Daniel E. Holbrook, Clerk

Margaret C. McGillivray
Margaret C. McGillivray, Member

Brian J. Beanson
Brian J. Beanson, Member

WARRANT ATTESTATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BY VIRTUE OF THE WITHIN WARRANT,
I HAVE POSTED EIGHT (8) COPIES OF SAID WARRANT IN VARIOUS
SECTIONS OF THE TOWN, WITH TWO COPIES IN EACH PRECINCT.

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
CONSTABLE